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To: Honorable Members of the House Committee on Energy and Technology

From: Charles Owens, State Director

Date: September 23, 2014

RE: EPA Restrictions on Wood Burning Stoves

We are writing to ask your support for SB 910 and Resolutions SCR 14 and SR 127 that seek to curtail the efforts by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to restrict the use of wood stoves and appliances for heating.

Leave it to the same EPA and the Washington bureaucrats that want to dictate what light bulbs we use and how our toilets flush to seek tougher restrictions on wood burning on the heels of a record cold winter season.

The EPA has announced new regulations called New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for new residential wood heaters and wood heating appliances. The new standards also include pellet, corn burner and outdoor wood boilers. Manufacturers of wood stoves and heating appliances based in Michigan have testified before the Senate Natural Resources Committee that the proposed new emission requirements could virtually end the burning of wood for heat in the United States and more than double the cost of new wood burning appliances.

Nearly 90 percent of wood stove manufacturers are small businesses as are the dealers that repair and sell these devices. In addition, these heaters are used by many farmers and small business owners to offset the high cost of energy in rural areas.

Again, we ask for your support of SB 910 and Resolutions SCR 14 and SR 127.

Thank you for your support of small business.